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Title: REINFORCEMENT DEVICE FOR SUPPORTING STRUCTURES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend this application as follows prior to examination:

Please add the Abstract of the Disclosure attached as Appendix I hereto after the last page of the translation.

Please replace pages 1-6 of the translation with the substitute specification attached as Appendix II.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-14 as follows:

Sub B7 A 1. (Amended) Reinforcing device for supporting structures [(1) with CFK] comprising:

a carbon panel [(2) characterized in that], at least one end of [CFK] the carbon panel [(2) is] being split into at least two strips [(2')], and

[terminates in] an end element [(3, 4; 12, 13)] in which said at least one end terminates.

2. (Amended) Reinforcing device according to Claim 1 [characterized in that] wherein each of [the] two ends of [CFK] the carbon panel [(2)] terminates in an end element [(3, 4; 12, 13)].